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men can be made self-sustaining, but, as it now stands, men discharged or paroled from prison are at a disadvantage, and the wonder is that so many "make good" in spite of the unfavorable conditions which they are compelled to meet.

The Board of Prison Directors of this State is doing all in its power to faithfully follow out the intent and meaning of the parole law, in order to achieve the best results, it should have the proper consideration, aid and co-operation of the public. The public ought to understand that paroles are not granted to prisoners as a matter of personal grace or favor, but because long study and experience have proven that it is best for all concerned—prisoner and public alike—to grant paroles to worthy subjects. A convict, as such, is of no value to himself or the State. If he remains in prison too long—long enough to break his spirit and ambition—he is sure to remain a charge and menace to the State for all his life. If his hope of parole and reformation is kept up, it is a powerful incentive to good conduct and endeavor. The very many instances in which paroled prisoners have "made good" in every sense of the term is conclusive proof of the great value and success of the parole system.

INSTITUTE MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Illinois Branch of the Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology will be of more than usual interest. It will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the State Bar Association on June 1 and 2 at the Hotel La Salle, Chicago. The address of the president, the Hon. A. C. Barnes, of Chicago, will be followed by the discussion of timely subjects.

At a joint meeting with the Bar Association there will be a discussion of psychopathic laboratories as adjuncts to the criminal courts. At other sessions the claims of vocational education as a preventive of delinquency and the systems of probation and parole which are among our most successful means of correction will be fully discussed. There will be also a review of criminal cases that have been heard before the Supreme Court of the State during the past year.

The next yearly meeting of our national organization will be opened in Chicago Aug. 29, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Bar Association. Secretary Abbott has the committees of the Institute well lined up for their reports and he assures us that a profitable meeting may be expected. It is his plan to distribute the reports of committees among the members of the Institute considerably in advance of the meeting in order that members may come prepared to enter into the discussion.

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